

25X1 TOPIC Military Information from Ludwigslust

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DATE OF CONTENT late February and 7 to 14 March 1952

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PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. On 3 March 1952, seven T-34 tanks were seen in individual garages at the Techentin airfield, south of Ludwigslust (N 54/T 53). About 150 men received field training with rifles at squad level on the training ground. Two T-34 tanks were seen at driving practice. Motor vehicles [redacted] were identified driving to, and from, the installation. \*

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2. On 7 March 1952, all garages of the Alte Reiter Kaserne on Harstallstrasse were occupied to capacity with trucks. About 20 men were seen at firing practice with rifles at the adjoining training field. A column of eight caterpillar tractors, [redacted] each carrying 10 to 15 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and towing a 100-mm AT gun, was seen on the road to Perleberg (N 54/T 70) near the installation; the column came from the direction of Ludwigslust. (C-3) Motor vehicles seen leaving and entering the installation.

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- 25X1 [redacted] the Alte Reiter Kaserne on Marstallstrasse had
- 25X1A been occupied by about 700 engineer troops since December
1951. [redacted] Two open wooden sheds of 18 boxes each housed
- a total of 36 trucks and 1 pontoon. Assault boats, motor-
- boats and other engineer equipment was stored in the riding
- hall. A unit wearing black-bordered black epaulets with
- engineer insignia was seen drilling at squad level with
- and without rifles at the former riding course south of the
- gasworks. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 [redacted]
5. Numerous personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets were
- seen servicing T-34 tanks in the Neue Reiter Kaserne on
- 14 March 1952. A resident stated that the installation was
- occupied by about 500 tank troopers and housed 40 T-34 tanks.
- Motor vehicles seen driving to, and from, the installation
- included:
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- 25X1A \* [redacted] Comment. Compare with previous information on the
- occupation of the Techentin airfield. [redacted] 25X1
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- 25X1 \*\* [redacted] Comment. The 59th Mecz Regt, the 1054th How Arty Regt
- and the 348th Engr Bn, all belonging to the 18th Mecz Div,
- are believed to be still stationed in the Alte Reiter Kaserne
- and the Neue Reiter Kaserne. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1 AT guns of 100-mm caliber were reported in Ludwigslust for
- the first time. [redacted]
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